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Dear Mr. Mackal,

Your letter of the 29th reflects an unjustified optimism and hope and the effect of long years of misinformation by the underinformed, uninformed and self-seekers and self-promoters. How I wish this were not true!

Most ofthose writing abouth the political assassinations know little or nothing about them. They are would-be Perry Masons and they invent what they'd like to believe and then will it into reality and then writie it as though it were. They eschoew facts and live with theories almost all of which have no basis at all.

There is no such thing as a diary to which you refer, anywhere. The actuality is that officially the crime was never inves igated and never intended to be investigatied. This is why there are no leads to follow today.

What remains withheld is withheld under laws that in many instances the government gets away with misrepresenting. But some withholdings are legitimate and necessary. For example, would you like it disclosed that John Jones told the FBI that P. Karl Mackal is a deadbeat who lseeps with his daughter? There are legitimate privacy reasons for ~~xxx~~ moany withholdings.

I fear you have believed those who cannot safely be believd, Lane in particular. It is just plain false that the Commission ordered its files sequestered. The opposite is true, and they became available as the Archives could process them. This began in ~~1971~~ 1965 and far and a way most have long been available. With regard to Ferie, after that book was published I got not only those few pages but many more on Ferrie. I've gotten from the government in all about a third of a million of the pages the elf-promoters like Lane and Stone tell you are suppressed and when I make them available o all writers, neither had any interest in seeing them. I filed the lawsuitsunder which these were released despite Lane's self-serving lie that he did in his current trash.

Those who claim, falsely, that all is withheld look even worse when you relaize they do not give a dman about the vast quantity that has been available for years.

This is how concerned people like you are misled and misinformed, by liars, self-promoters and self-seekers seeking the wealth that to a degree their dishonesties always manage to bring them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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